

Jonathan Dreher breaks the tape while winning the IMCOM-Europe U.S. Forces 10-Miler. Photo by Bilyana Atova

Europe Army 10-Miler team selected

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Two qualifying-race winners will be leading a 12-member team representing Installation Management Command-Europe and U.S. Army, Europe at this year's annual U.S. Army 10-Miler.

Jonathan Dreher claimed first in the men's division (and tops overall), while Stephanie Feagin placed first for women in the IMCOM-Europe U.S. Forces 10-Miler held earlier this month in Grafenwoehr, Germany. With their victories, the 26-year-old captains will join 10 other European-based Soldiers for the Army 10-Miler scheduled in Washington, D.C. in October.

Dreher, from Heidelberg, finished in 57 minutes, 25 seconds, beating out more than 130 competitors at Grafenwoehr, which has hosted the race since 1997.

Feagin, stationed at Livorno, Italy, finished in one hour, five minutes, 48 seconds – and placed in the top 10 overall.

Dreher, who returned from a deployment several months ago, said he honestly didn't expect to win due to lack of training while downrange.



Stephanie Feagin finishes first in the women's division of the IMCOM-Europe U.S. Forces 10-Miler.

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"This was not my best time (for this distance)," said Dreher, a former West Point track and cross country team member. "Since February, when I came back from Iraq, I have been running more seriously. I was running a lot before I went to Iraq; I didn't have too many opportunities there."

Feagin, too, had her doubts about the IMCOM-Europe qualifier, even though she once placed 13th in the women's division of the U.S. Army 10-miler, which attracts tens of thousands of participants annually, including almost 25,000 last year. She credited longer training runs, as well as faith, in earning the top spot at Grafenwoehr.

The men's IMCOM-Europe/USAREUR team is: Jonathan Dreher; Benjamin Martinelli, Heidelberg; Patrick Hicks, Giessen, Germany; Nathaniel Rayle, Heidelberg; Gustavo Lombera, Bamberg, Germany; and Cesar Garcia, Heidelberg.

The women's team is: Stephanie Feagin; Sarah Kessler, Baumholder, Germany; Amy Bowman, Heidelberg; Kedra Segler, Vicenza, Italy; Laurel Farinacci, Mannheim; and Elizabeth Gonzalez, Grafenwoehr.

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